THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) 22 Doordarshan channels are available in satellite mode throughout the country and can be received by using appropriate dish antenna system or through cable network. Terrestrially, DD-1 and DD-2 coverage is available to 89.6 per cent and 35.9 per cent of the population respectively. The population coverage in respect of DD-1 and DD-2 is expected to increase to about 91.3 per cent and 45.5 per cent respectively with the commissioning of the ongoing projects. In case of satellite radio channel, the programmes are available throughout the country. In terrestrial mode, short wave signals are available in almost the entire country. Presently, terrestrial Medium Wave/FM radio coverage is available to 98.8 per cent of the population of the country.

(c) and (d) There are no legal provisions for regulating subscription rates of the pay channels or of the cable operators. These charges are purely a contractual affair between the broadcasting companies, cable operators and the subscribers and the rates are market driven.

New DD Kendras in Rajasthan

3015. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of existing Doordarshan Kendras in the State of Rajasthan;

(b) whether Government propose to set up a few more Kendras in the State;

(c) if so, the places where these Kendras are proposed to be set up; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) At present, one studio centre and 75 TV transmitters are functioning in Rajasthan through one DD Kendra at Jaipur.

(b) to (d) There is no proposal to set up any other Kendra of

DD in Rajasthan. However, one more transmitter at Pirawa is under implementation in the State of Rajasthan.

Working of National Film Archives of India

3016. SHRI C. P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have reviewed the working of National Film Archives of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether NFAI is facing paucity of space and infrastructure for storage of films;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to provide adequate storage facility for new acquisition of NFAI?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (e) Review of the functioning of Government organisations is done continually. Recognising the importance of the Archive in research, preservation of cinematic heritage of India and dissemination of film culture, the Government provides requisite support, whenever required, to NFAI in such areas as are identified from time to time. While there is no paucity, at present, of space and infrastructure for storage of films in NFAI, expansion and upgradation of storage and preservation facilities in the Archive is a continuous process.

Winding up of Publications Division

3017. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a decision has been taken to wind up the Publications Division;

(b) if so, what would be the fate of the huge stocks of books available;

(c) what will be the position of printing of Presidents' and PMs' speeches in volumes; and